



MEDIA RELEASE

Assault With A Deadly Weapon Arrest, 600 State Street

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Jeremy Daniel Harp, age 32, a transient from Scotts Valley, California, was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon stemming from an argument that occurred among transients gathered on the 600 block of State Street. The victim is a 28-year old male transient from Ventura.

On March 31, 2013 at 2:22 p.m., officers from the Santa Barbara Police Department responded to a call of a fight in progress involving subjects with sticks in the vicinity of State Street and Ortega Street. Investigation indicates the following. Harp and the victim were among a group of transients gathered on the east sidewalk of 600 State Street near the entrance to the breezeway leading to City Lot 10, drinking alcohol. Harp became angry at the victim for touching Harp's belongings. An argument ensued between Harp, the victim, and the victim's girlfriend who was among those present. Harp retrieved a wooden guitar neck from his backpack and struck the victim with it approximately 5 to 8 times on the head, forcefully enough to cause some of the tuning machines attached to the headstock to break off. Harp then left the scene southbound on State Street.

The victim sustained one large laceration and several small lacerations to the top of his head from the attack. He was treated at Cottage Hospital Emergency Room.

Officer Aaron Denbrook located Harp on the 500 block of State Street, as he was attempting to leave the area, and arrested him for assault with a deadly weapon, a felony. Harp was booked into Santa Barbara County Jail on the aforementioned charge with a bail amount of \$30,000.00.

Photo provided by the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office.



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